(b) The information relating cost of production of a particular unit is matter of confidentiality for commercial reasons. Import of ammonia which is a key input for manufacture of caprolactam is fully exempted from import duty which was 40% prior to budget 1997-98. This should entail reduction in manufacturing cost. The domestic selling price of about Rs. 68000 per MT is stable since July 1996. The domestic manufacturers are adopting pro active sales policies by aligning their prices to prevailing international prices to retain their market share.

(c) and (d) FACT has stated that their production and sales were generally not affected by reduction in customs duty. The decline in production in (a) above is stributed to power restrictions imposed by the State Govoernment. GSFC the other producer has stated that they have been able to maintain production level. Higher availability of power would help attain higher level of production by FACT, thereby reducing cost of production and realising better margins.

Clearance to nitro-phosphate project at Hazira

*588. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee of Public Investment Board had given the first stage clearance in June, 1994 for a nitro-phosphate project at Hazira by KRIBHCO;

(b) whether the second stage clearance was given by PIB in June, 1996;

(c) whether environmental clearance was also accorded;

(d) whether the PIB had recommended the project to CCEA for approval; and

(e) if so, the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) and (b) The Nitro-phosphate / calcium Ammonium Nitrate project of Krishak Bharati Cooperative limited (KRIBHCO) was accorded 1st stage clearance on 26.5.94 and 2nd stage clearance on 30.1.96.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Before the proposal could be submitted for final investment approval of the Government, the Board of Directors of KRIBHCO reassessed the project parameters, notably those relating to the realisation of the projected ammonia surplus and the relative advantage in the sale of merchant ammonia. In the light of this review, it was decided to drop the proposal.

Transparency in Railway purchases

*589. SMT. ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had stated that in order to bring transparency in the purchases undertaken by railways and to remove the scope for corruption he has planned to organise exhibitions notifying the charges paid for the various commodities purchased or to be purchased by the railways; and

(b) if so, the details of the centres proposed to be opened by the various

zones of the railways for organising such exhibitions of various commodities for use in the railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of centres proposed to be opened on various zonal railways are as under:—

PHASE-I

RAILWAY	LOCATION OF EXHIBITIONS
RLY. BOARD	DELHI
N. RLY.	
RCF	
DCW	

PHASE-II

RAILWAY	LOCATION OF EXHIBITIONS
E.RLY	CALCUTTA
S.E.RLY.	
CLW	
MTP	
DLW	VARANASI
C.RLY.	MUMBAI
W.RLY.	
S.C.RLY.	SECUNDERABAD
S.RLY.	CHENNAI
ICF	
WAP	BANGALORE

Dairy and livestock development in Orissa

*590. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Orissa has tremendous scope for the growth of dairy and livestock;

(b) whether Government have any scheme/proposal to develop the same, keeping in view the international market and the poor economy of the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDARY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) For supplementing the efforts of the State Government of Orissa for the growth of dairy and livestock sector, Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying have been implementing 11 centrally sponsored schemes and 3 central sector schemes in the State. A list of these schemes is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES

1. Extension of Frozen Semen Technology and Progenny Testing Programme.
2. Assistance to States for Feed and Fodder Development.
3. National Project on Rinderpest eradication.
4. Assistance to States for control of Animal Disease.
5. Professional Efficiency Development.
6. Assistance to States for Improvement/Establishment/Modernisation of Abattoirs/carcass utilisation centres and primary flaying units.
7. Integrated sample surveys for estimation of production of major livestock products.
8. National Bull Production Programme.
9. National Ram/Buck Production Programme and Programme for Rabbit Development.
10. Development of Pack Animals.
11. Assistance to State for Integrated Piggery Development.

CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEMES

12. Animal Husbandry Extension Programme.